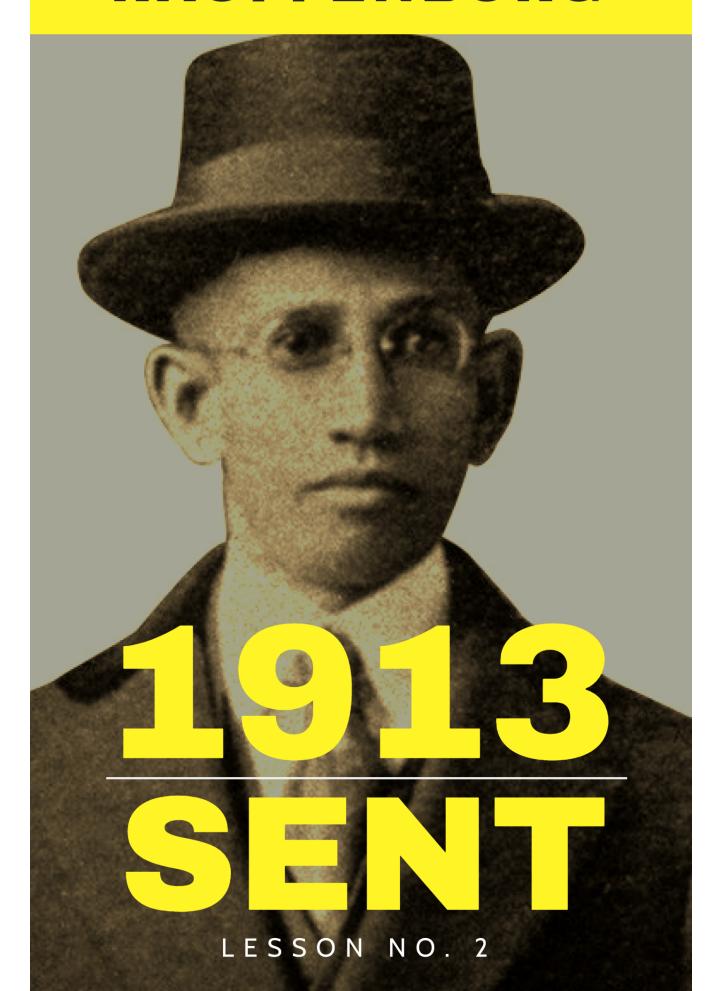
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## **Identifying God-sent Preachers**

Theme: Examining the erroneous claims made by the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) that Felix Y. Manalo was sent to preach.

## Introduction

The Iglesia ni Cristo believes that "authorized preachers are God-sent", they claim Felix Y. Manalo was a God-sent preacher who proved his authority by presenting "credentials" that he was God-sent from July 27, 1914. Note: Felix Y. Manalo started preaching in the year 1913.

- 5. Q. When was this so-called "ends of the earth"?
  - A. The time "ends of the earth" therefore, began on July 27, 1914 ...... GM, May 2016, p.31
- 6. Q. How did Felix Y. Manalo present "credentials" that he was God-sent (God's servant) from July 27, 1914 to employees of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Co. in 1913?
  - A. It was impossible for Felix Y. Manalo to claim he was God-sent in 1913, when his "credentials" and authority-to-preach originate from him being sent 8-9 months into the future on July 27, 1914. This creates a 'chicken-and-egg' argument ......
- 7. Q. What is the 'chicken-and-egg' argument?
  - A. A situation in which it is impossible to know which of two things happened first or caused the other to happen (i.e. Felix Y. Manalo began preaching in 1913, but in order to prove his authority-to-preach he provided 'credentials' that he was sent on July 27,1914 and vice versa)

## Conclusion

The Iglesia ni Cristo's claim that Felix Y. Manalo, did not simply claim he was Godsent but instead presented as his "credentials" the prophecies in the Bible - about God's servant "from the ends of the earth" (*God's Message*, May 2017, p.3) is devoid of logic and common sense when Felix Y. Manalo began his preaching as early as the year 1913.

It was impossible for Felix Y. Manalo to claim he was authorized to preach or Godsent from (8-9 months into the future on July 27, 1914) to the first listeners of his preaching from the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Co. (A.G. & P.) in Punta Sta. Ana., Manila in 1913. Therefore, we can conclude the erroneous claim made by the Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) that Felix Y. Manalo was a God-sent (authorized) preacher is false.

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